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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Toshimi YOKOTA et al.  
Serial No.: 09/508,990  
Filed: March 20, 2000  
For: HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNT BOOK MANAGEMENT APPARATUS  
AND HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNT BOOK MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM  
Group: 3624  
Examiner: S. Wasylchak

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF  
NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 3, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2004, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 29, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.